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Subject:

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C.C. Han et al.

TWO-PIECE MAGNETIC SHIELD HAVING IMPROVED HEAT DISSIPATION

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- U.S. Patent 6,239,954 to Segar et al., "Reader for a Low-Flying Magnetoresistive Sensor," discloses a non-magnetic element over the bottom shield to detect and cancel thermal changes in the read head.
- U.S. Patent 6,556,389 to Boutaghou et al., "Method for Thermally Isolating a Magnetoresistive Element from Thermal Asperities," describes a thermal barrier of zirconia over the magnetic read head element to dissipate heat.
- U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0081778 A1, to Inoue et al., "Thin-Film Heat Sink and Method of Manufacturing Same," discloses a AlN heat sink over a bottom shield.

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